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SUBJECT: MARCOS FORTHCOMING MOSCOW MEETING

1. DURING CONVERSATION ON OTHER MATTERS APRIL 28, PRESIDENT MARCOS SAID THAT SOVIET UNION HAD SUGGESTED AN AGENDA FOR HIS DISCUSSIONS IN MOSCOW MAY 31. HE WAS SURPRISED TO FIND THAT ONE OF THE ITEMS SOVIETS PROPOSED WAS ARMS ASSISTANCE TO THE PHILIPPINES.

2. MARCOS SAID HE HAD INFORMED SOVIETS HE HAD NO RPT NO DESIRE TO SEEK ARMS AID FROM THEM. HE DID INDICATE, HOWEVER, THAT HE WISHED TO DISCUSS WHETHER ANY SOVIET WEAPONS ARE BEING SENT TO LIBYA WHICH MAY EVENTUALLY FIND THEIR WAY TO MUSLIM REBELS IN THE PHILIPPINES.

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3. MARCOS ALSO SAID HE WISHED TO TALK WITH SOVIETS ABOUT WEAPONS SYSTEMS THEY MAY BE SUPPLYING TO HANOI. HE IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED BY REPORTS HE HAS RECEIVED THAT VIETNAMESE ARE SEEKING NAVAL VESSELS OF GREATER RANGE AND FIREPOWER THAN THEIR CURRENT FLEET.

4. FINALLY, HE SAID HE WISHED EXPLORE SOVIET ATTITUDE TOWARDS ASEAN. HE WAS PUZZLED BY APPARENT SOVIET HOSTILITY TOWARDS THE ORGANIZATION AND WOULD SEE TO DETERMINE ITS CAUSES.

5. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO PASS THIS MESSAGE TO SECRETARY, SINCE HE WILL BE SEEING MARCOS IN NAIROBI NEXT WEEK. SULLIVAN

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